

# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Little Rock, Arkansas

September 27, 2005

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2005-06

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, DIVISION HEADS  
AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: Hurricane Katrina and Rita Response

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita moved across the Gulf of Mexico and the southern United States and caused numerous tornadoes, high winds, extreme tidal surges, extremely heavy thunderstorms, torrential rains and flooding across many areas within Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, these severe natural disasters resulted in extensive death, injury, loss of utilities and damage to property across these states, causing the evacuation of great numbers of the residents of these states, and causing a significant number of these victims to travel through and temporarily relocate to Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, these disasters have caused increased travel into and through the State of Arkansas for the purposes of transporting desperately needed food, medicine, services and supplies to the victims of this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and the Arkansas Highway Commission currently recognize the existence of a state of emergency in these states;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan Flowers, Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), acting under the authority vested in me by the Arkansas Highway Commission, do hereby order the following:

1. Truck-tractor and one semi-trailer combinations transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas that have axle configurations, axle weights, gross vehicle weights, and dimensions provided in the chart shown below, may travel designated highways, as listed on the AHTD web site, without paying a fee for or obtaining an overweight and/or oversize permit. The travel may be conducted in a continuous manner on a seven-day week basis. Vehicle combinations exceeding legal width and/or height must have oversize signs and flags as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.

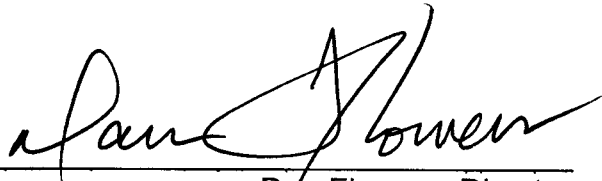
#### **ENVELOPE VEHICLE**

Minimum Number of Axles:	Five (5)
Maximum Steer Axle Weight:	20,000 pounds
Maximum Single Axle Weight:	20,000 pounds
Maximum Tandem Axle Group Weight:	40,000 pounds
Maximum Tri-Axle Group Weight:	50,000 pounds
Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight:	95,000 pounds
Maximum Overall Width:	Twelve Feet (12')
Maximum Overall Length:	Ninety Feet (90')
Maximum Overall Height:	Fourteen Feet (14')
Minimum Outer Distance Between Centers Of Two Consecutive Tandem Groups	Thirty-six Feet (36')

2. Oversize and/or overweight vehicles and/or loads that are greater than the weights and/or dimensions specified above that are transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas will be issued route specific permits with applicable permitting fees waived. Overweight vehicles must have legal axle configurations to adequately support the load and oversize vehicles/loads must have appropriate signs, markings, lights, flags and escorts as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.
3. The provisions contained in Numbers 1 and 2 of this Administrative Order shall not apply to the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles traveling to the disaster areas for commercial purposes or ventures, as determined by the Department's Highway Police Permits Section.

4. Transporters under contract by FEMA to transport manufactured homes for disaster area relief may use routes and conditions as listed on the AHTD web site without paying a fee or obtaining an oversize permit. Vehicles and/or loads must have appropriate signs, markings, lights, and flags as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.
5. As it pertains to this Order, the determination of routes by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for oversize and/or overweight vehicles is not an assurance that bridges and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load, nor shall it guarantee the clearance will accommodate the height or width of the vehicle. The owner(s) and operator(s) of such vehicle(s) assumes full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, persons and private property resulting from travel.

This Administrative Order shall be effective until November 1, 2005, unless amended or extended.

  
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Dan Flowers, Director

cc: Governor's Office  
Highway Commission  
FHWA  
FMCSA  
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